

Senate Study Bill 3021

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EDUCATION BILL BY
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to board of educational examiner teacher
2 licensure, endorsement, and testing requirements for
3 applicants from other states.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. Section 272.2, Code 2005, is amended by adding
1 2 the following new subsection:
1 3 NEW SUBSECTION. 17. Adopt rules establishing the minimum
1 4 scores an applicant for a license from another state shall be
1 5 required to meet or exceed on the praxis II tests required
1 6 pursuant to section 272.8, subsection 2.
1 7 Sec. 2. Section 272.8, Code 2005, is amended to read as
1 8 follows:

1 9 272.8 LICENSE TO APPLICANTS FROM OTHER STATES OR
1 10 COUNTRIES.

1 11 1. The board may issue a license to an applicant from
1 12 another state or country if the applicant files evidence of
1 13 the possession of the required or equivalent requirements with
1 14 the board. The executive director of the board may, subject
1 15 to board approval, enter into reciprocity agreements with
1 16 another state or country for the licensing of practitioners on
1 17 an equitable basis of mutual exchange, when the action is in
1 18 conformity with law.

1 19 2. In addition to the requirements of subsection 1, if the
1 20 applicant from another state is applying for licensure as a
1 21 teacher, the board shall require the applicant to take the
1 22 praxis II principles of learning and teaching test for the
1 23 appropriate grade level and a praxis II teaching foundations
1 24 test in the appropriate subject area. If the applicant is
1 25 applying for an Iowa endorsement, the board shall require the
1 26 applicant to take a praxis II subject assessment for each
1 27 endorsement the applicant seeks. However, the applicant is
1 28 exempt from the testing requirements of this subsection if the
1 29 applicant provides the board with evidence that the applicant
1 30 has taken the appropriate praxis II tests and the applicant's
1 31 scores on the tests meet or exceed the qualifying scores
1 32 approved by the board.

1 33 3. Practitioner preparation and professional development
1 34 programs offered in this state by out-of-state institutions
1 35 must be approved by the board in order to fulfill requirements
2 1 for licensure or renewal of a license by an applicant.

2 2 EXPLANATION

2 3 This bill requires that a person from another state who
2 4 applies to the board of educational examiners for licensure as
2 5 a teacher or for an endorsement to teach in a specific subject
2 6 area must take a praxis II principles of learning and teaching
2 7 test and a praxis II teaching foundations test, as well as a
2 8 subject assessment for each endorsement the applicant seeks,
2 9 unless the applicant provides the board with evidence that the
2 10 applicant has taken the appropriate praxis II tests and the
2 11 applicant's scores on the tests meet or exceed the qualifying
2 12 scores approved by the board.

2 13 The praxis II principles of learning and teaching test
2 14 measures general pedagogical knowledge. The teaching
2 15 foundations test measures pedagogy. The subject assessment

2 16 measures general and subject-specific teaching skills and
2 17 knowledge.
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